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1. KOREA

UNC/NK REPS MET PANMUNJON ALMOST 3-HRS TUES. DISCUSSED
PROPOSED SECURITY MEASURES IN JSA. UNC SPOKESMAN GAVE
NO FURTHER DETAILS (WP).MET AGAIN 2 HRS WED (REUTER, SEOUL).

SPOKESMAN (BROWN) SAID TUES DOS INFORMED ROKG THAT CONGRESS
"VIEWS WITH DISTRESS" EROSION OF IMPORTANT CIVIL LIBERTIES
IN SK. CONFIRMED HUMMEL CALLED IN AMB HAHM MON, PRESENTED
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NOTE FROM HAK, ACTING ON BEHALF PRES. OFFICIALS SAID
NO EFFORT MADE LINK TIMING OF MESSAGE TO SAT SENTENCING
OF 18 MYONGDONG DISSIDENTS. ADDED SECURITY ASSISTANCE
ACT GAVE ADMIN 60 DAYS CONVEY MESSAGE TO ROKG, "IN

FORCEFUL TERMS," AND NOTE PASSED HAHM ON LAST DAY PERMITTED BY LAW (AP, PHINQ).

US TUES ANNOUNCED END B-52 PRACTISE BOMBING RUNS OVER SK (WP).

SK RED CROSS APPEALED NK TUES FOR RELEASE FISHING BOAT/23 CREWMEN SEIZED IN SEA OF JAPAN MON (WP).

2. KOREA/JAPAN

GOJ SOURCES SAID TUES NK HAS ASKED FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS W/O URGENT BUSINESS TO LEAVE COUNTRY, APPARENTLY DUE INCREASED TENSIONS THAT FOLLOWED JSA SLAYINGS (WP). SAID 10 RETURNED JAPAN BECAUSE NK REFUSED RENEW VISAS, BUT JAPANESE ENGINEERS HELPING BUILD NEW CEMENT PLANT ALLOWED REMAIN NK. NOTED TRADING FIRMS POSTPONED MISSION TO NK (UPI, JOC).

3. JAPAN

CULLISON (JOC) NOTES MIKI BEGAN MAKING HURRIED PREPARATIONS TUES TO RESHUFFLE CABINET. THO MOST LDP DIETMEN STILL CALL FOR OUSTER, MOVE SEEN LIKELY CALM SITUATION SOMEWHAT, MAYBE ALLOW EXTRAORDINARY SESSION DIET SESSION BE CALLED IN WEEK OR TWO.

JAPAN EXPECTED INCREASE LOG/NUMBER IMPORTS FROM US/CANADA DUE BRISK UPTURN HOUSING CONSTRUCTION (KANABAYASHI, WSJ).

4. CHINA

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS PEKING RR STATION WAS SEALED OFF BY TROOPS/POLICE WEDNESDAY AS SOME 5,000 SOLDIERS/CIVILIANS FROM HOPEI PROVINCE ARRIVED TO GRAND RECEPTION. SAYS CEREMONY HAD NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED AND FOREIGN NEWSMEN WHO TRIED APPROACH STATION WERE TURNED AWAY AT CORDONS STRUNG UNCLASSIFIED

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ACROSS ROADS LEADING TO STATION. CHINESE LINING STREETS WAVED AT ARRIVALS, SAID THEY WERE FROM CENTER OF EARTHQUAKE. DIPLOMATS SPECULATED CEREMONY WOULD HERALD MASSIVE SHOWPIECE RECEPTION IN GREAT HALL FOR PARTY LEADERS, SOLDIERS, CIVILIANS WHO HAD TAKEN PART IN RELIEF WORK IN/AROUND TANGSHAN.

REUTER (SUN, CHITRIB) REPORTS HK NEWSPAPER TUESDAY PUBLISHED LETTER FROM TANGSHAN RESIDENT SAYING CITY RAVAGED BY CHOLERA FOLLOWING JULY EARTHQUAKE. LETTER SAID 900,000 MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED OR INJURED IN DISASTER.

IN LONG DISPATCH TUESDAY, NCNA REPORTED THAT TWO

ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEYS CARRIED OUT IN PARCELS FOUND HISTORICAL RELICS OF ANCIENT CHINA "ALMOST AT EVERY TURN," THUS PROVING PARCELS (HSIHSIA ISLANDS) BELONG TO CHINESE PEOPLE. SUN'S ISAACS (HK) NOTES SAME CLAIM MADE FOR SPRATLYS (NANSHA ISLANDS).

NYT REPORTS PRC VICE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, CHANG CHIH-CHIANG, HEADED 11-MEMBER DEL TO GRAVENHURST, ONTARIO, WHEN CANADIAN GOVT DEDICATED BIRTHPLACE OF DR. NORMAN BETHUNE.

NEW CIA STUDY SHOWS COMMUNIST COUNTRIES (PRC, SOVIET, EAST EUROPE) SENT MORE THAN TWICE AS MUCH MIL/ECON AID TO WORLD'S POOR NATIONS LAST YEAR, THOUGH IN BOTH CATEGORIES THEY STILL TRAIL FAR BEHIND TOTALS SUPPLIED BY WEST. REPORT SAID PRC TRAINED 1,210 LDC MIL TECHNICIANS LAST YEAR, NEARLY ALL FROM AFRICA. BUT INCREASED COMMUNIST ECON AID REFLECTS SOVIET ACTIONS FOR MOST PART. PEKING REDUCED ITS MODEST FOREIGN-AID PROGRAM. ITS NEW ARMS AGREEMENTS TOTALED ONLY 25 MILLION DOLS, DOWN FROM 1974'S 75 MILLION, WHILE CHINESE ECON PROGRAM FELL 2 MILLION, TO 269 MILLION DOLS. BIGGEST PRC FOREIGN-AID PROJECTS ARE IN AFRICA--NOTABLY TAN-ZAM RR, WHICH NEARLY COMPLETED (WSJ).

GROC INFO OFFICE BRANDS AS "MALICIOUS FABRICATION" US NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT TAIWAN HAS BEEN SECRETELY REPROCESSING SPENT URANIUM FUEL TO MAKE NUKE WEAPONS. IN STATEMENT ISSUED TUESDAY NIGHT, INFO OFFICE SAID ROC UNCLASSIFIED

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IS FAITHFUL PARTY TO NPT, SUBMITS REPORTS TO IAEA (REUTER TAIPEI).

5. CHINA/AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY SUN, QUOTING WESTERN/ASIAN DIPLOMATS IN CANBERRA, SAID WEDNESDAY THAT MAO HAS BEEN MOVED OUT OF PEKING SIGNALING "HIS FINAL FALL FROM POWER." PAPER SAID MOVE REVEALED IN DIPLOMATIC DISPATCHES FROM PEKING TO CANBERRA; REPORTS WESTERN/ASIAN DIPLOMATS IN CANBERRA SAID NEWS OF MAO'S DEPARTURE WAS GIVEN TOP AMBASSADORS IN PEKING "DELIBERATELY BUT PRIVATELY." SAID MAO'S DESTINATION NOT SPECIFIED. ADDED THAT DIPLOMATS SAY HUA-LED PRC RULING GROUP SEEMS SIGNALING IT NO LONGER NEEDS CHAIRMAN'S SYMBOLIC PRESENCE TO ENSURE ITS AUTHORITY. REPORT ADDED THAT CHINESE OFFICIALS INDICATED MAO'S REMOVAL NOT CONNECTED WITH EARTHQUAKE DANGER IN PEKING OR SUMMER HEAT. REUTER (SYDNEY) REPORTS AUSSIE GOVT SPOKESMAN IN CANBERRA SAID NO WORD RECEIVED FROM PEKING THAT MAO HAS LEFT CAPITAL; VOICED SKEPTICISM OF "ANY SUGGESTION THAT HIS FALL FROM POWER IS IMMINENT."

6. NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA

NZ PRIVATE CITIZEN FILES PRIVATE COURT ACTION AGAINST TRUXTUN CAPTAIN FOR BRINGING EXPLOSIVE DEVICE INTO WELLINGTON HARBOR "WITH RECKLESS DISREGARD FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS." MAGISTRATE'S COURT SETS SEPT 15 FOR HEARING; VESSEL DUE LEAVE FOR MELBOURNE THURSDAY. PLAINTIFF, OUTSIDE COURT, SAID HE BELIEVES TRUXTUN CARRYING NUKE DEVICES CAPABLE BLOWING UP NZ/AUSTRALIA, INCLUDING TWO WEAPONS OF AT LEAST HIROSHIMA SIZE (REUTER WELLINGTON).

STOVE (JOC) CITES GOA FORECAST OF SLOWER GROWTH IN EXPORT EARNINGS BY AGRIC SECTOR THRU CURRENT AFY ENDING JUNE 1977. EXPECTS VALUE AGRIC EXPORTS RISE 5 PCT, TO EQUIVALENT US 5.8 BILLION DOLS, COMPARED 11.4 PCT INCREASE LAST YR.

7. INDOCHINA

VIET REFUGEES IN SINGAPORE SAY SOUTHERN VN IS SUFFERING UNCLASSIFIED

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SEVERE SHORTAGES OF FOOD, MEDICINE, RAW MATERIALS. ADD THAT HALF MILLION PEOPLE FORCED OUT OF SAIGON TO WORK IN FIELDS, AND MANY BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED IN JUNGLES; MANY LEFT BEHIND ARE BECOMING MORE FRIGHTENED, MORE OPPOSED TO COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES (REUTER NYT, WP).

8. BURMA

GUB WED LIFTED MARTIAL LAW IMPOSED ON RANGOON AT HEIGHT DEC 1974 STUDENT RIOTS. SAID SITUATION HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL (REUTER RANGOON).

9. GENERAL

WSJ BEGAN PUBLISHING ASIAN EDITION HK WED. WILL DISTRIBUTE BY AIR THROUGHOUT FE, MON-THRU-FRI. D-J JOINED IN NEW VENTURE BY S CHINA MORNING POST (HK), NIHON KEIZAI (TOKYO), STRAITS TIMES (SINGAPORE), NEW STRAITS TIMES (MALAYSIA).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. KOREA

DENVER POST (8/20) CITES PROPHETIC WARNING BY PRES PARK IN 8/15 SPEECH, THAT NK LIKELY "INTENSIFY TENSIONS" IN ATTEMPT ESCAPE, EVEN BRIEFLY, INTERNAL POWER STRUGGLE AND ECON CRISES. NOTES JSA INCIDENT CAME 3 DAYS LATER. HOW EASE TENSIONS REMAINS ENIGMA, SINCE CAN ONLY TRY GUESS AT KIM IL SUNG MOTIVES. DANGER FOR SK IS THAT PARK MAY OVER-REACT, BECOME MORE REPRESSIVE AT HOME,

MORE AGGRESSIVE AT DMZ. THUS BELIEVES US MUST ACT CAREFULLY "AS RESTRAINING INFLUENCE," MAKE CLEAR US FORCES WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED W/O PROVIDING PRETEXT FOR INCREASED NK MILITANCE. URGES US ENCOURAGE PARK REPEAT CONCILIATORY OFFER IN 8/15 SPEECH, RENEW N-S DIALOG, NORMALIZE FUNCTION N-S COORDINATING CMTE.

DETROIT NEWS (8/24) DECLARES PAST EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH NK, OTHER COMMUNIST GOVTS, "JUSTIFIES" SHARP US REACTION TO JSA SLAYINGS. RECALLS NK INVASION SET OFF UNCLASSIFIED

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KOREAN WAR. NOTES NK RECENTLY HAS STEPPED UP PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO END UNC/US MIL PRESENCE. CHIDES CARTER FOR COMMENT TO PARIS PRESS, THAT WOULD NEVER AGAIN GET MILITARILY INVOLVED IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY "UNLESS OUR OWN SECURITY WAS DIRECTLY THREATENED." SAYS TROUBLE IS CARTER DOESN'T HAVE AS MUCH INFO AS FORD, AND ALWAYS GIVES SELF LIMBS TO CRAWL OUT ON LATER IF FIRST RESPONSE PROVES UNPOPULAR.

11. NEW ZEALAND

CARTHEW (CSM SPEC) DESCRIBES MAJOR CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MULDOON, 6 WATERFRONT UNIONS IN WELLINGTON, OVER VISIT BY USN NPW. UNIONS WENT ON STRIKE WHEN USS TRUXTON ARRIVED 8/27, VOW STAY OUT TILL LEAVES FOR AUSTRALIA 9/2. AS RESULT, GNZ DRAFTING NEW BILL TO PROVIDE FINES UP TO 5,000 DOLS FOR CONVICTION OF INCITING, INSTIGATING, ABETTING POLITICAL STRIKES.

12. JAPAN

JAMESON (LAT 8/31) CITES JAPAN NATL RR REPORT SUBMITTED MON, THAT DISCLOSED SYSTEM RANG UP RECORD 3-BILLION-DOL DEFICIT LAST FY. LOSSES AVERAGED 8 MILLION DOLS/DAY. AUDITORS SAID BALANCE SHEET AMOUNTED TO DECLARATION OF BANKRUPTCY, BUT JAMESON POINTS OUT THEY FAILED SAY DEBT AMOUNTED TO MASSIVE SUBSIDY OF FREIGHT RATES/ COMMUTER PASSENGER FARES THAT BENEFITS JAPANESE FIRMS.

TER HORST (CHITRIB) RECALLS HOW LOCKHEED CAME TO WASHINGTON WITH "LONG FACE AND TIN CUP" 5 YRS AGO, ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED 250-MILLION-DOL GOVT-BACKED LOAN TO STAY AFLOAT. REVIEWS BRIBES PAID JAPAN, HOLLAND, ITALY. STATES TIME FOR SERIOUS PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF CORPORATE CORRUPTION, AND ITS HEAVY IMPACT ON US FOPOLICY. URGES FORD/CARTER/ CONGRESS PROVIDE MORE THAN "TONGUE-CLUCKING."

WSJ'S THARP REVIEWS MIKI STRUGGLE STAY ON AS PM. QUOTES US DIPLOMAT WHO CALLED PM "STUBBORN DEFENSIVE FIGHTER," SAID HE ISN'T NEAR NADIR OF SUPPORT, MAY BE AT HEIGHT

OF PUBLIC POPULARITY. UNLESS SOLUTION TO POWER STRUGGLE
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REACHED SOON, OBSERVERS FEAR INTENSE POLITICKING MAY
IMPEDE DIET PASSAGE OF 3 BILLS NEEDED AID RECOVERY --
AUTHORIZATION TO FLOAT 13-BILLION DOLS WORTH DEFICIT-
FINANCING BONDS, RAISE RAIL FARES AND TELEPHONE/TELEGRAPH
RATES.

SEIDEN (SUN) SEES US-JAPAN AT ODDS OVER FISH AS RESULT
NEW LAW THAT WILL RESTRICT FOREIGN FISHING WITHIN 200-MILES

OF US COAST. REVIEWS IMPACT ON JAPAN. SAYS ALREADY
STRAINING US-JAPAN RELATIONS. NOTES EVEN GREATER
THREAT FACES JAPAN'S 3.3-BILLION-DOL FISHING INDUSTRY --
PROPOSED LOS TREATY THAT WOULD EXTEND 200-MILE FISHING
LIMIT TO ALL COASTAL AREAS AROUND GLOBE.

13. PACIFIC ISLANDS

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S TUCKER (WP) CITES REPORT IN
"NATURE" MAGAZINE BY UC LIVERMORE LAB SCIENTISTS, WHO
FOUND PLUTONIUM LEVEL IN KWAJELEIN LAGOON FISH HIGH AS
ENIWETOK. ANOMOLY IS THAT KWAJELEIN NO MORE CONTAMINATED
BY NUCLEAR TEST FALLOUT THAN REST OF OCEANS, AND
CONTAMINATION AT ENIWETOL 100 HIGHER. BELIEVE DISCOVERY
SHOWS ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT WAY PLUTONIUM CONCENTRATES IN
MARINE FOOD CHAIN MAY BE WRONG; MAY ALSO SUGGEST UNKNOWN
ENVIRONMENTAL FACTOR SOMEHOW INCREASING PLUTONIUM
ABSORPTION/ACCUMULATION IN KWAJELEIN LAGOON. ROBINSON

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